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ONCE UPON A BRILLIANT,
SLEEPY PASTURE, A WORLD
OF TINY WONDERS AND CRITTERS
OF FUR AND FAWN MADE HOME
OF THIS UNTOUCHED PATCH
OF WILD.

FOR, THIS LAND WAS
THE ONLY DWELLING KNOWN
TO THESE INHABITANTS, SAVE
ONLY FOR THE BOUNDARIES
OF THEIR COURAGE AND
ADVENTURES.

AND IN THIS SURROUNDING
OF LEAVES AND OAK AND
SEEMINGLY INFINITE GREEN,
A MOTHER CARED FOR HER
NEWBORN ARRIVALS WITH
ALL HER HEART...

...SAVE FOR
ONE.

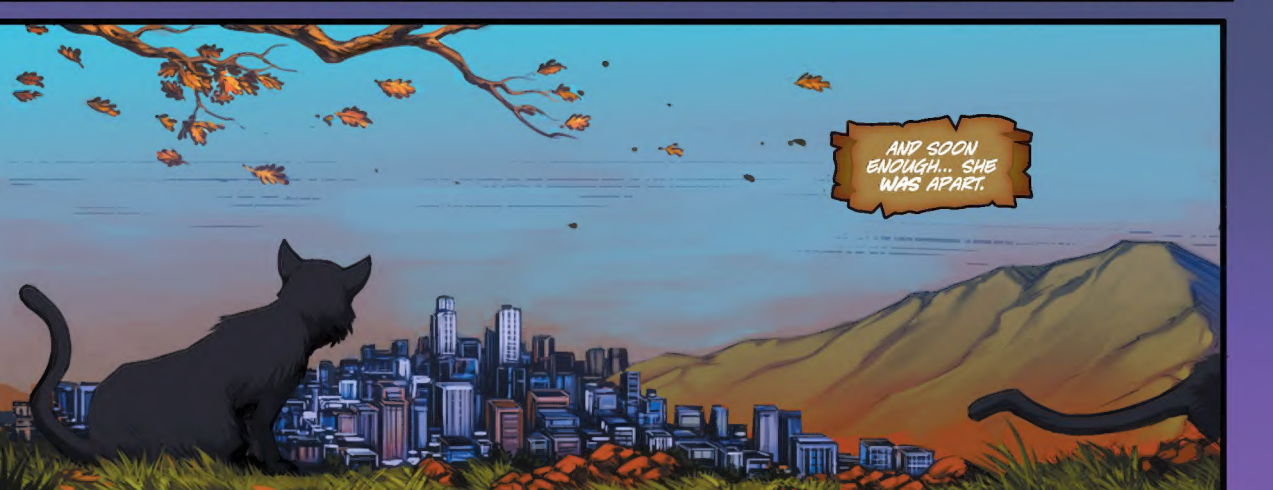
THIS LITTLE
ONE... SHE WAS
DIFFERENT.





HER MOTHER SENSED A
GROWING FORCE PULSING
WITHIN THE TINY KITTEN.

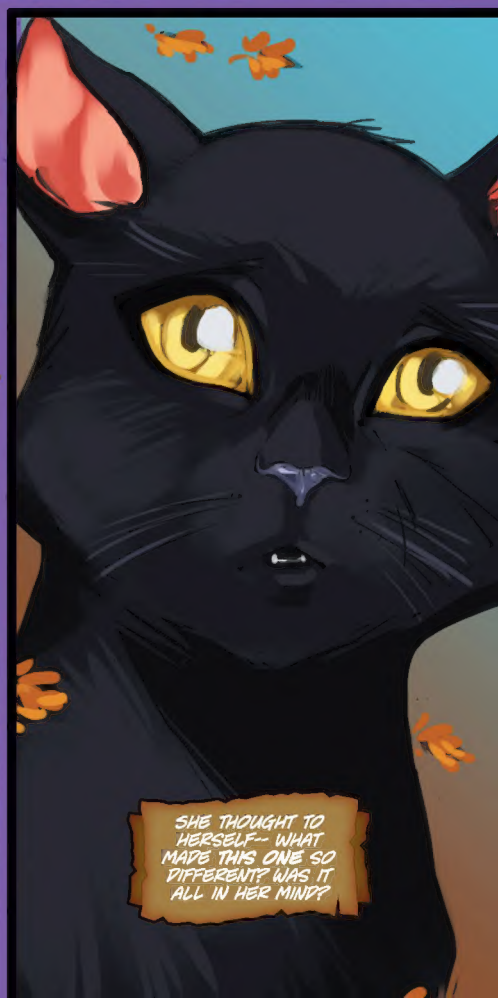
SOMETHING SET
HER APART FROM
THE LITTER.



AND SOON
ENOUGH... SHE
WAS APART.



THE MOTHER BECAME
HEARTBROKEN, FOR SHE COULD
NOT ABANDON ONE OF HER OWN,
YET HER FEELINGS WITHIN ROSE
EVER MORE WORRISOME WITH
EACH PASSING DAY.



SHE THOUGHT TO
HERSELF-- WHAT
MADE THIS ONE SO
DIFFERENT? WAS IT
ALL IN HER MIND?



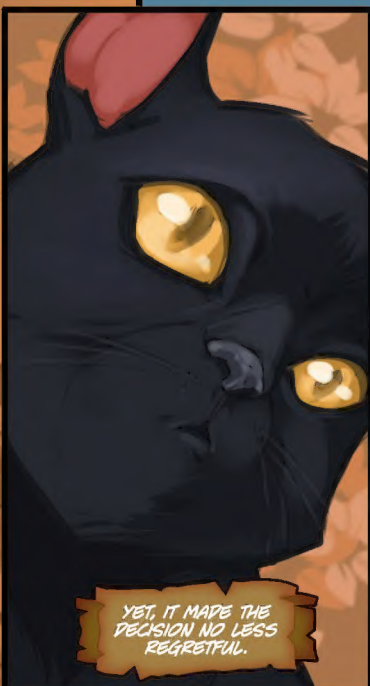
SHE FRIGHTENED
THEM, SHE KNEW.

SHE WAS ALONE.





THE MOTHER KNEW WHAT
HAD TO BE DONE FOR THE
GOOD OF HER FAMILY. THE
YOUNG ONE WENT WILLINGLY,
NOT WISHING FURTHER
HARM TO THEM.



YET, IT MADE THE
DECISION NO LESS
REGRETFUL.



ALONE, THE KITTY
LACKED DIRECTION.



HER STOMACH SOON
GROWLED FIERCE.



AND, BEFORE LONG, SHE
DISCOVERED HER WILL TO
SURVIVE WAS GRAND.



SOON...

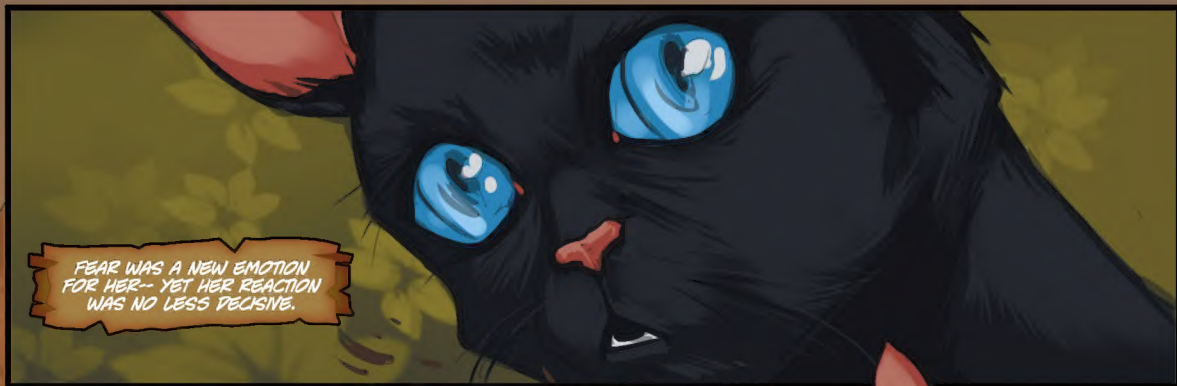
CRUNCH



...HER WILL
WAS PUT TO
THE TEST.



GRRRRRRRRR



FEAR WAS A NEW EMOTION
FOR HER-- YET HER REACTION
WAS NO LESS DECISIVE.

GROOOOW!



SHE RAN
FOR HER
LIFE.



HOWEVER, AS IF OFTEN THE CASE, WHEN AVOIDING ONE DANGER, A GREATER THREAT ARISES.



AND TRUE FEAR IS REVEALED.



WELCOME...
...TO MY LAIR,
CRITTER.

YOU'RE AFRAID.
A WISE EMOTION
TO HARBOR IN THE
PRESENCE OF MY
MAGIC.

OH, OF COURSE--
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW
TO SPEAK YET, YOUNG
ONE. STILL UNSURE OF
YOUR... ABILITIES,
I SEE.

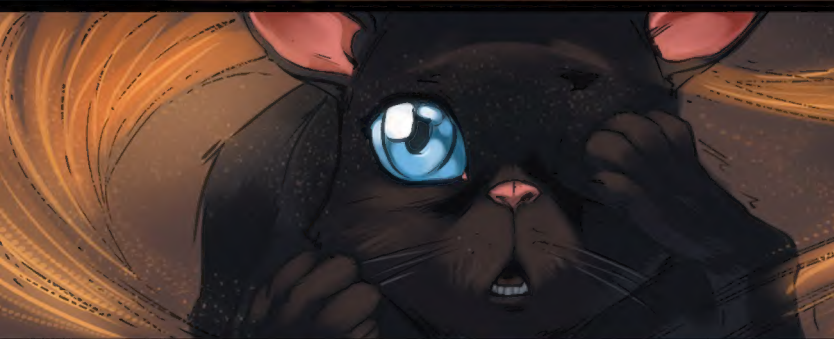
WELL,
IN THAT
CASE....



...ALLOW
ME TO SHOW
YOU!

THIS IS WHAT
HIDES IN THE DARK
PLACES OF YOUR
WORLD, ALONE YOU
TRULY ARE.

BEINGS
OF LIGHT AND
SHADOW. CREATURES
OF FORCE AND
MIGHT.



DO NOT
COWER...

...THIS IS
WHO YOU
ARE...



...WHAT YOU
WILL ALSO
BECOME ONE
DAY... DO NOT
FEAR...



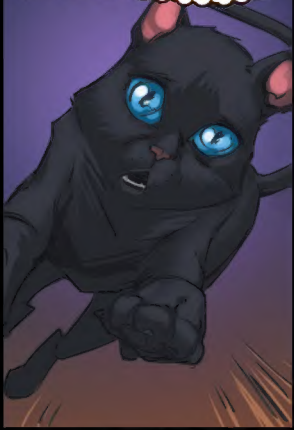
...YOU
ARE ONE
OF US!

REEOOO??



RUN, LITTLE
ONE, YOU CANNOT
ESCAPE WHO YOU
ARE-- WHAT YOU
ARE!!

HAHAHAHAHAHA!



IN FEAR, THE YOUNG KITTEN RACED TO THE ONLY OTHER EXISTENCE SHE COULD FIND, ANYTHING TO ESCAPE THE TERROR OF THE FOREST...



...AND SEARCH FOR A NEW LIFE.

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA-- GUYS. I WON THE BET, FAIR AND SQUARE. YOU CAN CHECK THE DECK OF CARDS IF YOU WANT.



I DON'T NEED TO CHECK THE CARDS TO KNOW YOU CHEATED US PAL-- WE WANT OUR MONEY BACK!

I'M NOT YOUR PAL, BUDDY.



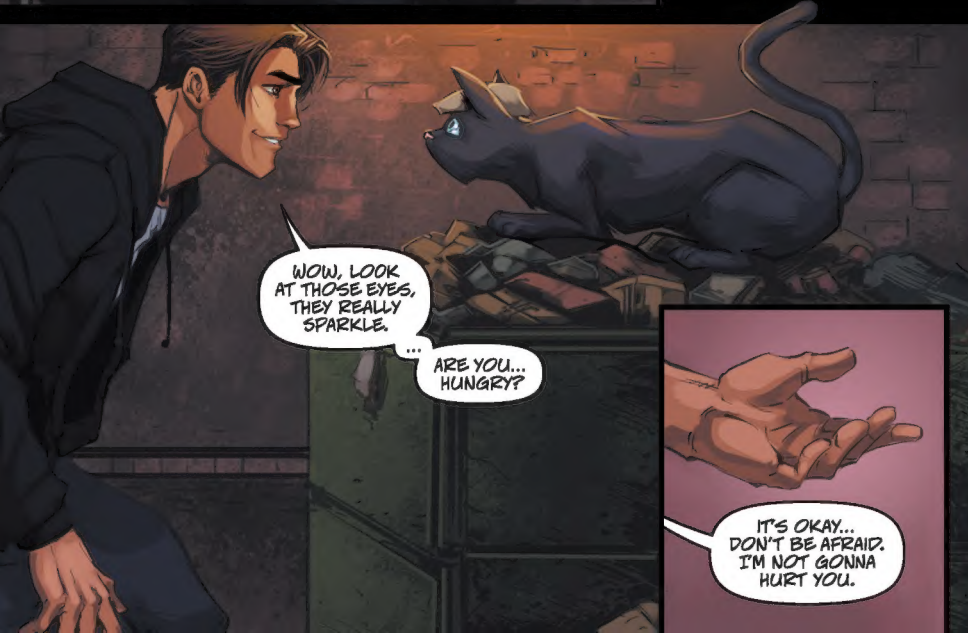
AND I'M MUCH QUICKER!

GET 'EM!



WHERE'D HE GO??





A full-page comic book illustration of a man with long brown hair, wearing a dark jacket over a grey t-shirt and dark pants, walking down a city alleyway at night. He is holding a Siamese cat with blue eyes and pink ears. The alleyway is flanked by brick buildings, some with lit windows. A trash can is visible in the bottom right corner.

YOU'RE IN
LUCK TOO. I GOT
ENOUGH MONEY TO
FEED US BOTH FOR AT
LEAST A WEEK. SOOO--
MIGHT AS WELL BE
ALONE TOGETHER,
YOU AND ME.

CATCH MORE OF HANK AND
SPARKLES IN CHARISMAGIC
VOLUME 1 AND VOLUME 2!



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